

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A game machine, in which a plurality of racing members, each having a member name, participate in a plurality of races taken place therein, comprising:

a name assigner, which assigns a player name which is registered by a game player to an associated racing member as a part of the member name thereof; and

a special race establisher, which establishes a special race having a race name as one of the plural races, and assigns one player name to the special race as a part of the race name thereof, when a racing member to which the one player name is assigned has a race record better than race records of another racing members.

2. The game machine as set forth in claim 1, further comprising a race record evaluator which evaluates race records of the respective racing members in accordance with race results in a predetermined time period.

3. The game machine as set forth in claim 2, wherein:  
the race record evaluator displays a ranking table in which the racing members are ranked in accordance with the race results; and  
wherein the special race establisher determines the race name of the special race based on the name of a racing member first-ranked in the ranking table.

1 4. The game machine as set forth in claim 1, wherein:  
2 the race is a horse races;  
3 the racing members are miniature racehorses; and  
4 the race record includes the number of prizes acquired by each  
5 miniature racehorse.

1 5. A method of running a racing game in which a plurality of racing  
2 members, each having a member name, participate in a plurality of races  
3 taken place therein, comprising the steps of:

4 assigning a player name which is registered by a game player to an  
5 associated racing member as a part of the member name thereof;

6 establishing a special race having a race name as one of the plural  
7 races; and

8 assigning one player name to the special race as a part of the race  
9 name thereof, when a racing member to which the one player name is  
10 assigned has a race record better than race records of another racing  
11 members.

1 6. The game running method as set forth in claim 5, wherein race  
2 records of the respective racing members are evaluated in accordance with  
3 race results in a predetermined time period.

1 7. The game running method as set forth in claim 6, wherein:  
2 a ranking table in which the racing members are ranked in  
3 accordance with the race results is displayed; and

4 the race name of the special race based on the name of a racing  
5 member first-ranked in the ranking table.

1 8. The game running method as set forth in claim 5, wherein:  
2 the race is a horse races;  
3 the racing members are miniature racehorses; and  
4 the race record includes the number of prizes acquired by each  
5 miniature racehorse.

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